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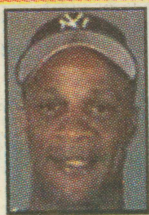
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## CAMPUS NEWS



■ More than two months after it sunk, deep-sea divers entered the Russian submarine Kursk and began the process of recovering the bodies of the 118 sailors aboard. After cutting a hole in the thick hull of the submarine on the bottom of the Barents Sea, Norwegian and Russian divers removed the bodies in preparation for bringing them to the surface. Russian naval officials are still unsure of what sank the Kursk, but suspect an internal malfunction, collision with a mine or a foreign sub as possible causes.

## SPORTS



■ Already on probation for a drug charge, Darryl Strawberry was arrested Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. for allegedly testing positive for cocaine use. Strawberry, who was living at a private drug treatment center, was tested for drug use after breaking the treatment center's curfew Saturday. Following the positive test, Strawberry was arrested and taken to the Hillsborough County Jail where he is being held without bail.



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# Administration to boot tutors

## Executives movin' on up to East side, while UTPA students lose piece of pie

By Eladio Jaimez  
The Pan American

UTPA plans to bump tutorial labs from the Student Services building to make room for administrators at the top of what would become the "signature building" on campus.

In a draft of the Campus Facilities Developments Sequencing and Staging, the university's rationale for moving the Learning Assistance Center [tutoring] is to place the LAC in a "more central, more readily accessible site."  
"We want the LAC moved closer to academic functions,"

said John Edwards, vice president of Enrollment and Student Services.

The draft, however, indicates UTPA President Miguel Nevarez and some of his vice presidents will be located in the top three floors of the Student Services building.

According to the draft, the

■ Space available to student tutoring labs may decrease as administration relocates executive offices to what will become 'signature building'

president and some vice presidents will move to the Student Services building "to relocate executive offices to signature building."

The Counseling and Advisement Center (CAC) is also expected to move. The CAC and LAC are planned be moved out

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— Eladio Jaimez/The Pan American

Over 500 people crowded the Student Union theater Wednesday night to listen to Dr. Friedrich Katz's lecture on Pancho Villa and the Mexican Revolution. Some students were left listening from a line trailing out of the theatre, while additional chairs were brought in to accommodate attendance. Katz, an award-winning author, will speak again Saturday at the Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg.

## Pancho packs the house



# Drug convictions may lead to financial aid loss

By Robert Silva  
The Pan American

Under a new law which took affect this fall (2000-2001 academic school year), students may find they are ineligible for some or all federal financial aid. The law says students with drug-related convictions may be ruled ineligible for federal grants or loans.

## 'Law just hampering someone trying to better himself,' student states

Congress imposed this restriction when it renewed the Higher Education Act of 1965 through amendments made in 1998. Under the new provisions, a student who has been convicted of any federal or state law "involving the possession

or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance."

The U.S. Department of Education allowed colleges and universities to award aid this year to

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# Hughes hurriedly resigns

## Coordinator tired of 'bumping heads' over Student Union delays

By Jennifer Tapia  
The Pan American

Coordinator for Campus Activities Travis Hughes resigned his university stal position last week after he tired of 'bumping heads' with the Student Union director over building delays, Hughes said.

Hughes recently found a job with the City of McAllen in which he would manage a Parks and Recreation Community Center. He said his "abilities were not being appreciated" at the Student Union so he resigned.

Hughes felt Sam Smith, director of Student Union, should have already hired personnel to fill two budgeted Student Union positions, including a night manager and a faculty coordinator. Hughes added the positions should have been filled by September 1.

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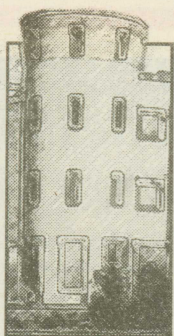
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# Campus

news briefs

## Parking lots see increase in vandalism

**By Jennifer Tapia**  
The Pan American

An increasing number of cars have been reported vandalized on campus this semester.

Prior to this semester, University Police Sergeant James Loya said he could not recall many reports on vandalism to cars on campus for several semester.

Yet, this month the university has fielded four reports of vandilized cars, not including two hit-and-runs involving parked cars on university grounds.

Some of the vandalism reported on campus includes

cars being scratched and burglaries to vehicles.

On October 17, for example, a 1996 Jeep Cherokee was reported with broken window while parked in Lot-F. On that same day, a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier was reported with a scratch while parked in Lot-C.

"Any car can be considered vulnerable, but on this case, vandalism has been occurring with the newer models," Loya said. "It just happens that particular one happened to be the owner of a newer model."

Some students feel their cars may not be safe in campus parking in light of the

recent vandalism reports. They feel in order for university police to reassure the safety of their vehicles, more officers should patrol the area.

"It's just sad what is happening to student's cars," said Robert Garcia, UTPA freshman. "They need to hire more security. UTPA needs to give more funding to the police department."

There are currently two patrol officers and four guards securing the parking lots during the day. At night, three patrol officers and guards secure the lots. Since most of the crimes are reported during the day, Loya feels they need

to increase patrol when the incidents happen and are advising the security to be on the look out.

"The good thing about our reports are that we run them by location," Loya said. "We want for them to spend more time in those locations so they can increase their visibility."

No suspects have been fined for the vandalism.

However, Loya said if anyone has information on the incidents, a report can be filed with the University Police. That information would be helpful to the police, and the names of those who make the report will remain confidential, Loya said.

## Interpretation of laws allow legal aliens to pay residential tuition fees

**By Jennifer Tapia**  
The Pan American

The Texas State Coordinating Board (TSCB) has recently passed a new interpretation for the residential laws which allow legal aliens to pay residential tuition fees for college.

"Before we couldn't consider students for resident tution purposes unless they were a United States citizen or received "permanent resident" status from immigration," said David Zuniga, director for Admissions. "But because it takes anyone 3 to 5 years to get approved by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), students would have to pay nonresidential tution fees."

The change for the interpretation for residency will only allow legal aliens to pay residential tution fees if they are undergoing the process of immigration to become permanent residents in the U.S. Students don't neccesarily need to get approved by the INS, as long as they apply and show documentation to the university, it will allow them to pay residential tution fees.

However, the students must have a minimum year of

residence in the U.S. Students who come from other countries can not apply with the INS and expect to be paying residential tution fees the next day, said Zuniga.

"A person couldn't just cross the borders to apply and become immediately eligible," Zuniga said. "The person has to have established here for a period of time."

UTPA students who have learned of their eligibility, are now very relieved because they will be saving money on tution, which will allow them to spend the money other neccesities they might have for college.

"This is a lot better for me," said Roberto Garcia, UTPA freshman. "Now I know that I will be saving double and maybe even triple the amount that I would pay for tution fees."

The TSCB decided to make the change because they felt the immigration system was taking too long to approve aliens for their citizenship. It did not seem fair to the students since they had to wait too long before they could start paying the residential tution fees.

David Zuniga received a letter from the Commission of TSCB a week prior to the fall



-Susanna Guerrero/The Pan American

A stray cat wanders across campus Wednesday afternoon. The feline is among several calling UTPA home.

## Annual Green, White game tonight

The UTPA baseball team will play its annual Green & White game at 7 p.m. today at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

The scrimmage is free and open to the public and will showcase the talents of players

and potential recruits.

Former Bronc and first-round draft choice of the San Diego Padres, Omar Ortiz, will be in attendance and signing autographs.

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semester advising him about the change, which went into effect as of fall term 2000.

According to Zuniga, not many students are reacting to the change that has been made by the state because most of the students that were under the same situation already took care of their problems. UTPA, however, will not have a huge

impact since only five students are taking advantage of the change, so far, said John Edwards, vice president for Enrollment and Student Services

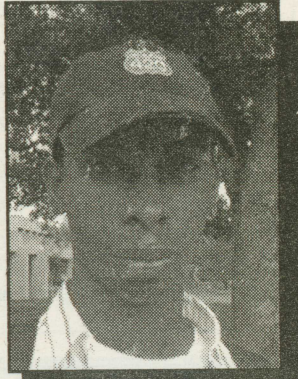
"This will help students very much," Edwards said. "It's a huge difference, we do plan to publicize the change to Valley residents."



# Q&A

**Where is your favorite place to eat?**

—Susanna Guerrero



**Kriss Adams**  
**Public Relations**  
**Sophomore**

Subway, because it is fast, I like the food, and I get exactly what I want.

**Deborah Von Nacher**  
**Manufacturing Engineering**  
**Senior**

Home. I live close, and the snack bar is too expensive.

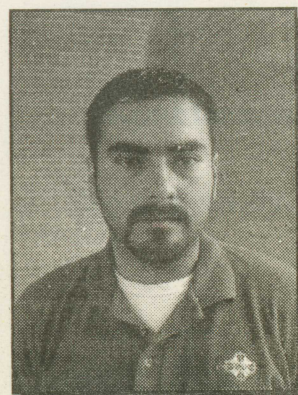


**Lupita Rodriguez**  
**Accounting**  
**Senior**

Pizza Hut. They have a variety of affordable lunch combos, and the service is excellent.

**Norma Gutierrez**  
**Education**  
**Junior**

I usually go to Whataburger because it is close to school and the prices aren't expensive.



**Kino Gonsalez**  
**Electrical Engineering**  
**Senior**

I go home, even though I live 30 minutes away. The food is no good around here.

## Relocate

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of the Student Services building beginning fall 2001. The projected date for the executive offices' move is February 2002.

The East Wing of the Physical Science building is one of the sites being proposed to house the tutoring labs.

If the LAC moves into that building they will lose approximately 1,700 square feet, equalling nearly three tutorial labs.

According to minutes of the September 27 meeting of the Campus Facilities Planning Council (CFPC), LAC English and writing labs will move to the first floor of the library and other labs into the east end of the Physical Science building.

Arturo Ramos, Director of the LAC, said there are no finalized locations for the LAC, but confirmed tutoring labs would be moved.

"We're not for sure where we're going yet," Ramos said. "They have to find a place to house the physical science classes."

According to the draft and the minutes, physical science faculty, physics, geology, and respective labs will be moved to the Science Building.

Physical Plant Director Marvin Boland, who serves on the Campus Facilities Planning Council, said several buildings are being looked at to house the LAC.

"Right now it looks like its going to be the Physical Science building," Boland said. "The Math building might still be a candidate once they're out."

The university initially notified the LAC they would be moved into the old Math building once the math department moved to the new Computer Center between the Business and Education buildings.

However, university officials later told LAC administrators they would move into the Physical Science building.

Edison Coronado, Computer-Assisted Instruction (CAI) Coordinator at the LAC, said they were looking forward to moving to

the old Math building because it offers more space as compared to where they're currently housed. He expressed concern about moving out of the Student Services building where the Office of Admissions is located.

"Our tutorial labs are synchronized with the admissions office," Coronado said. "If they have a student about to be dropped or withdrawn, they send them to us for tutoring."

The writing lab is guaranteed to move into the Government Documents room at the University Library.

Nevarez is out of town for the remainder of the week and was unavailable for comment.

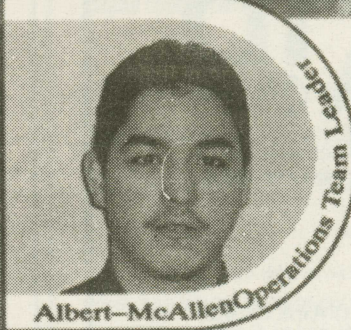
Since student service fees fund the tutoring labs at the LAC, The Pan American contacted Elvie Davis, Dean of Students, for comment.

A secretary in the Dean of Students office said Davis "had not attended the CFPC meetings and was not familiar with the situation, so she couldn't comment."

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Hughes alleges hiring delays have contributed to a Student Union building void of cafeteria vendors and gameroom facilities.

"Things weren't being done rapidly," Hughes said. "We had the building opened the first day of school with nothing in it."

Hughes's collateral duties included assistant director for Student Union and advisor for the University Program Board (UPB). He was also in charge for the facilities the student union would have in the future, such as the game room and the convenient store.

The resignation has had a strong impact on the UPB since Hughes had been its advisor for three years. Hector Leal, president for UPB and Chair of the Student

### **Hughes alleges hiring delays have contributed to a Student Union building void of cafeteria vendors and gameroom facilities.**

Union Advisory Board (SUAB) said Hughes would be hard to replace.

"We were shocked about it when we first heard," Leal said. "He was always there for us, and it was hard to see him go."

Despite Hughes's resignation, all plans scheduled for the Student Union are still going ahead, said university officials. Leal said the University Program Board will take over the plans that Hughes had for the

building, while the university finds a replacement.

"Nothing should be falling behind schedule that I know of," Leal said. "Everything is still in the same schedule that we had before."

According to Smith, no one has been considered to replace Hughes as the coordinator for campus activities. However, Dean of Students Elvie Davis confirmed UTPA will be hiring someone soon.

Some UTPA officials knew Hughes was planning to resign his position but failed to notify the students about how this would have affected the Student Union building. Students currently pay a \$30 fee for the Student Union.

"I knew that he was looking for other jobs," Davis said. "But I did not know, officially, until I got the letter."

After Hughes left last week, students have been complaining that no events have been scheduled at the Student Union. According to Leal, events had not been scheduled before Hughes resigned. In the future, more events will be available for the UTPA students, such as comedy night, career fairs and other UPB events, Leal said.

"They should have notified us about the problem," said Gloria Garcia, UTPA senior. "They started off pretty good, and all of a sudden everything stopped. Since the money is still there, they should be taking advantage of it."

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applicants who did not answer the drug question on their forms, but students were warned to alert the department of any drug convictions or risk penalties for falsifying the documents. According to some students, they did not answer the question because they thought it didn't pertain to them or they forgot to answer it.

"Everyone will agree that it could have been done better," said Karen Freeman, spokeswoman for the Department of Education. Changes are being considered for next year's form to make the question more simple and more direct.

Of the 8.6 million applicants processed through October 15, nationwide, 1,311 were ruled ineligible and 5,617 must complete a

variable waiting period.

If convicted for possession of a controlled substance, the ineligibility period is one year for the first offense, two years for the second offense, and indefinite for the third offense. Conviction for the sale of a controlled substance carries an ineligibility period of two years for the first offense and indefinite for the second offense.

"A drug conviction does not mean a student is completely cut off from financial aid," said Pete Villareal, coordinator for UTPA's Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program. "Students must show progress, show they are no longer using, and complete a treatment program."

Students who successfully complete a drug

rehabilitation program or have the conviction reversed may resume eligibility status. If students are in a drug rehabilitation program, it will include two unannounced drug tests before they can regain eligible status.

"Holding back someone's financial aid for a drug conviction is not a good thing," said Rick Morely, a senior criminal justice major at UTPA. "This law is just hampering someone who is trying to better themselves. Besides, if a person has a really bad drug problem, they will not do well in college and lose their financial aid anyway."

Drug convictions received as juveniles do not count unless the student was tried as an adult. Students referred to drug rehabilitation programs regain eligibility on the completion

date of the program, but further drug convictions will make the student ineligible again.

"A referral to a drug rehabilitation program is good, but making it mandatory is not," said Rene Villalon Jr., a senior rehabilitation-substance abuse major at UTPA. "A person who has been reformed should still be allowed to receive financial aid."

Drug rehabilitation programs must satisfy certain criteria. These programs must meet at least one of the following requirements: be qualified to receive funds from a federal, state, or local government program, be qualified to receive payment from a federally or state licensed insurance company, be administered or recognized by a federal, state,

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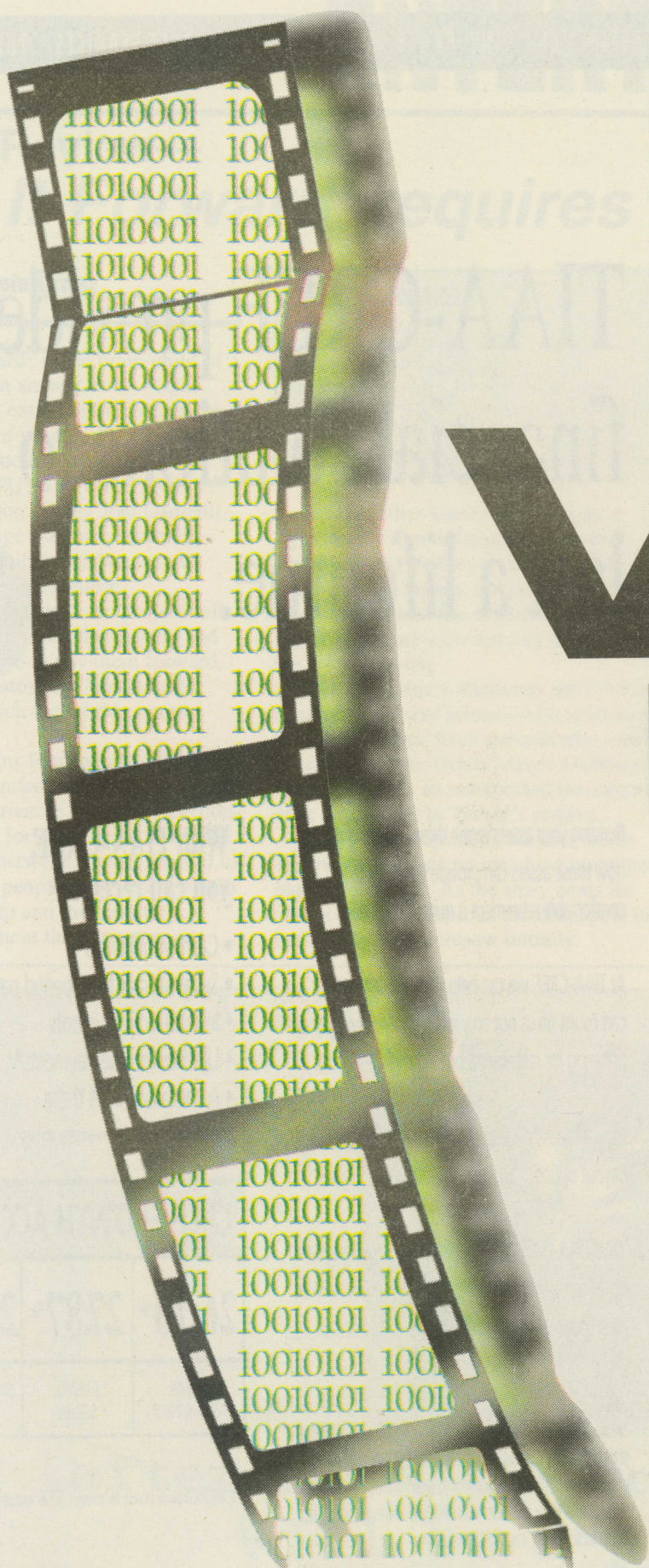
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# DIGITAL VIDEO REVOLUTION

*Digital Video puts advanced filmmaking in the hands of independent films to be produced without costing*

**By Robert Silva**

The Pan American

The future of filmmaking has arrived in the form of Digital Video (DV). DV treats both video and audio as digital information in a high-resolution video format.

U.S. consumers first encountered DV in 1994, and since then, its popularity has grown. DV cameras are portable and relatively inexpensive. They provide clear images and sound. Because of DV, it is now possible for nearly anyone to affordably produce a high-quality film.

Even big-budget filmmakers are submitting to the digital revolution. George Lucas' "Star Wars: Episode II," slated for release in summer 2002, was entirely recorded in digital format. DV will help ease the computer-generated special effects into nearly every frame of the finished product.

The affordability of DV has profoundly affected the production of independent films. "Urbania," a low-budget film by first-time editor Jon Shear, was the first to be shot entirely on inexpensive Super 16 film, then transferred in its entirety to the digital domain for post-production. In digital format, filmmakers have total control of the images they wish to present.

Every shade and shadow, every color and tinge can be controlled frame-by-frame.

Still, DV must be transferred to traditional

35 mm film so it can be projected onto theater screens. Transfers cost anywhere from \$4,000 to \$60,000, but still only a fraction of what it costs to shoot and finish a film in the 35 mm format.

Digital film can be manipulated, viewed, and relayed like any other piece of computer data. Desktop DV editing tools and software can instantly transform any home

computer into a film editing studio. Because of DV's digital format, the Internet offers an ideal environment for showcasing digital films immediately and with wide exposure.

John Riggs II, a junior at the University of Texas-Pan American, is venturing into the DV realm for the first time. Riggs will be shooting his student film, "Dormitory," on a mini-DV camera.

"Most of the filming will be done on DV for quality purposes," Riggs said. His production company, Blind Sloth Productions, plans to complete shooting the 40- to 60-minute film in about two weeks.

**T**he quality of film decreases because people expect the same standards they are used to. The producers not let filmmakers get away with producing bad material more than once.

— Jack

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— Jack R. Stanley  
Communications Department Chair

## UTION

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g millions like most Hollywood films

All editing will be done on computer," Riggs, "either here at school or at e." He expects better picture and sound quality, and hopes the entire editing process be less time-consuming.

With more lines of resolution on DV, ing can be done without losing genera- (Generation loss occurs when multiple es of films are made over and over.)

With traditional film, such as VHS tape, as more copies are made, the picture and sound quality decrease.

DV is an economic and creative medium for current and aspiring filmmakers. With more and more film-making technologies becoming available to the general public, will we witness a flood of sub-par films as this technology falls into the hands of untrained amateurs? Jack R. Stanley, University of Texas-Pan American communications depart-

ment chair, does not think so. "The quality of films will not rease because people will expect the standards that they are used to," nley said. "The public will not let makers get away with producing bad erial more than once."

Stanley, a film professor, said what people are most afraid of is not substandard film production, but rather that Hollywood will be losing it's grip on the business.

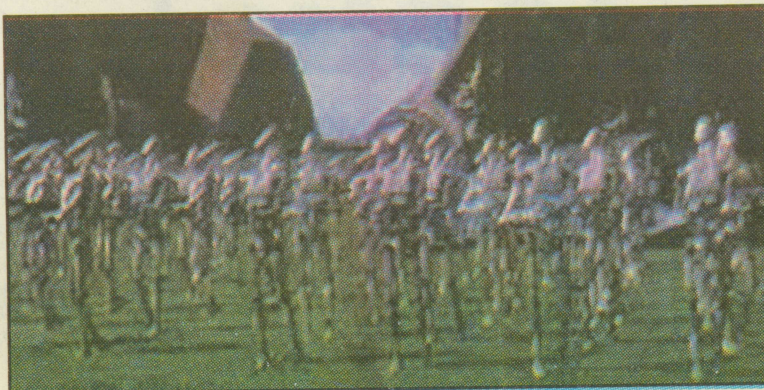
"Because of the Internet, people don't have to have their own movie theater to promote their work," Stanley said. "Producers no longer need Hollywood or the networks to control the audience. People will be able to tell the stories they want to tell and deliver them straight to the intended audience."

Dr. Stanley is currently in the post-production and editing phase of a DV film shot last summer. The project was also his first time using DV film for a major production.



George Lucas' "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" used digital video to make JarJar Binks (left) and the robot attack (below).

Both photos special to the Pan American



## Campus Calendar

**Thursday, October 26** The UTPA baseball team will play its annual Green and White game at Jody Ramsey Stadium at 7 p.m. The game gives the team a chance to showcase its skills. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Thursday, October 26** The Career Placement Services Office presents the Graduate and Professional School Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union. All staff, faculty and students are welcome to learn about the different graduate and professional school programs from top universities across the country.

**Friday, October 27** The University Program Board will sponsor "A Night of Legends: Carnival of the Great Pumpkin" from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Field House. Activities include a motion simulator called "The Reactor" which holds 16 people at a time. Over 15 student organizations will participate in the carnival, helping with kiddie rides, food, costume contests, games and music. For more information call the UPB at 381-2266.

**Tuesday, October 31** Student Health Services will give free flu vaccines to anyone in staff approved costumes. Without a costume, vaccines are \$8 for students and \$12 for faculty and staff. Student Health Services will also conduct lipid profiles which is a screening for cholesterol levels. For more information, contact Student Health Services at 381-2511.

**Tuesday, October 31** The Political Science Association will host an informational meeting on "Election 2000 - What does it mean to be a Democrat, Republican or Independant?" including guest speakers from each of those political parties. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting in SBSC room 101 from noon to 1 p.m.

**Thursday, November 2** The Political Science Association will host a debate on "Why vote? Does your vote voice your opinion?" Speakers will include Dr. Jerry Polinard and Samuel Freeman. Everyone is welcome to attend the debate from noon to 1 p.m. in SBSC room 101.

**Tuesday, November 7** As part of the Student Success Seminar Series, the Office of Student Life and Transition Services presents "Using the library for academic success" in the U.C. Bronc Room from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The seminars are free to all students.

**Until Monday, November 27** The Center for International Studies is accepting applications for the spring semester International Education Fee Scholarships. The scholarships are for students who will study abroad and for international students who will be enrolled at UTPA during Spring Semester of 2001. Applications are open to regular, degree-seeking UTPA students who are currently registered full-time. For more information, contact the Center at 381-3572.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Movie Review—

## 'Pay It Forward' requires a shoulder to cry on

By Daniel Garcia Ordaz  
The Pan American

"Pay It Forward" is the brain-child of a junior high kid in answer to his social studies teacher's extra credit assignment on the first day of school:

"Think of something to change the world and then PUT IT TO ACTION!!!"

The kid, Trevor, (Haley Joel Osment), takes the challenge—as his personality demands—and quickly finds a way to make his world a better place.

Trevor's simple, idealistic project calls people to do favors for other people and have them promise to pay them forward, instead of the customary "pay it back" mentality by which the world operates now.

The film begins four months after the assignment is handed out. An L.A. reporter (Jay Mohr) experiences first-hand the concept of paying it forward. From there, the setting changes between Trevor's world to the world of the people around him whom he's trying to help and the reporter's—seeking to document the phenomenon.

### PAY IT FORWARD

★★★★☆

**Rated:** PG-13

**Stars:** Helen Hunt, Kevin Spacey, Haley Joel Osment, Jon Bon Jovi, Angie Dickinson, Jay Mohr

**Directed By:** Mimi Leder

Several other stories are brought to light, aside from the reporter's journey. The film follows Trevor and his relationship with his mother, Arlene (Helen Hunt), an alcoholic who has trouble communicating with her pre-teen son and dealing with her own demons.

Two of Arlene's dilemmas are Trevor's alcoholic, abusive father—who is known to pop in to their lives sporadically—and Arlene's mother, Grace (Angie Dickinson). Grace becomes an unexpected but enthusiastic participant in Trevor's project.

By the time reporter Chandler meets Trevor, the kid has no idea how many people he's reached. As the story nears its end, it becomes obvious the concept is bigger than anyone foresaw initially.

Cliche as it may sound, honest moviegoers will agree that they laughed and they cried. There are plenty of laugh-out-loud scenes which leave lasting impression. For example, a thug finds a unique way to pay forward one of his favors at a hospital.

The scene is at once violent, funny, thought-provoking and even tugs at the heart a bit. It is one of the mental highlights the viewer will leave the theater talking and laughing about.

An interesting source of mixed emotions is one of Trevor's would-be pay it forward participants, Jerry. He is an injecting drug user and Trevor pays him several kindnesses. Actor James Cavaiezel did an excellent job and the character's appearance adds immeasurably to the storyline.

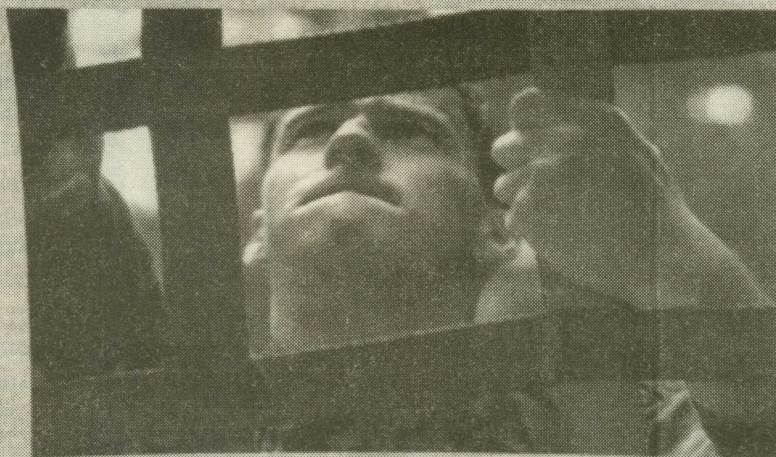
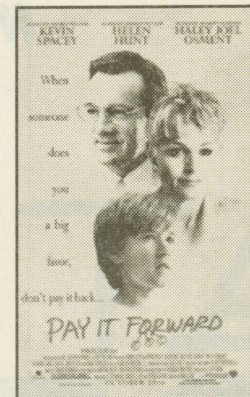
Foul language plagued the film, especially at the beginning. Perhaps the worst character, Trevor's biological father, doesn't even carry the bulk of curse words in the film. If he used profane language, it was unremarkable. Essentially, the nicer characters—indeed the film—could have done without profanity.

The other weakness of the film, was the

sub-par performances turned in by Jon Bon Jovi's cameo appearance and Oscar-winner Spacey. On some occasions, Spacey's make-up was flawed. More importantly, his acting didn't sell on a couple key scenes—a let-down for fans of the beloved thespian.

Topics tackled by the film include homelessness, drug addiction, alcoholism, and domestic violence. Other themes are goodness, community, friendship, failure, sacrifice, and love.

But the success of the film rests on two fronts. First, the characters show forgiveness after crossing the difficult threshold of admitting failure. Second, the movie shines because the fact children not only have the innate ability to see the world differently, but the innocence to believe they can actually bring peace to the world comes through brilliantly.



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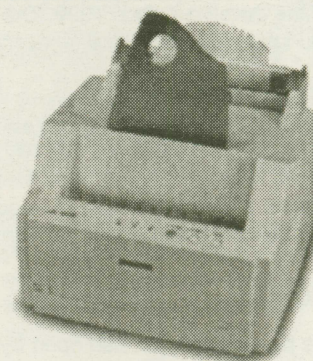
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# Rios and Hipolito lead UTPA cross country teams at SWTS

## Sports Information

Perla Rios and April Hipolito both finished in the top 10 overall to lead the University of Texas-Pan American cross country teams at the Southwest Texas State Short-Course Meet Friday.

Rios, a senior from LaPorte, Texas, took fifth place overall in a time of 11:53 for the two-mile course. She was followed by freshman standout April Hipolito, who finished sixth with a time of 12:14. It was the third time this season that Rios has finished in the top five overall.

Rios has finished in the top-15 of all five meets this season. For Hipolito, the sixth place showing was her best this season and

second in the top 10.

Patty Villareal, a freshman from San Juan, took 19th overall, her best finish of the season, in a time of 13:01. Angie Garza, a freshman from Edcouch, took 27th with a time of 13:46. Millie Martinez was 34th in 14:11.

As a team the Lady Broncs took fourth overall with a total of 89 points. Host Southwest Texas State won the team title with 41 points, while UT-San Antonio took second with 65 points. SMU finished third with 87 points. Yolandi Buitendag of SMU took the individual title with a time of 11:26.

Senior Danny Salazar paced the men's team at San Marcos, taking 36th place with a time of 16:55 for the three-mile course.

Martin Longoria was the next Bronc, taking 46th place in a time of 17:22. Israel Arroyo was 48th in 17:36, Stephen Zarate was 54th in 19:01, Emmanuel Butler was 59th in 20:17 and Gary Haydon was 61st in 21:09.

As a team the Broncs finished ninth with 225 points. Southwest Texas State won the men's title was well with 47 points. SMU took second with 54 points and the University of Texas was third with 73 points. Individually Randy Arias of Southwest Texas took first place in a time of 14:52.

The UTPA Cross Country Teams will host the Adrian Martinez Invitational at the Ebony Hills Golf Course in Edinburg this Saturday.

## October 18-25

### Volleyball

Riding a three-game win streak, the Lady Broncs hit the road for their next nine matches.

UTPA lost to Texas A&M-Kingsville Tuesday, failing to have its first season sweep of the Javelinas since 1996. The Lady Broncs will now travel to San Antonio to take on St. Mary's and Incarnate Word on Saturday and Sunday.

UTPA will be looking for revenge when they take on the Crusaders, who defeated the Lady Broncs in four games earlier this season at the Fieldhouse.

With 11 wins, the Lady Broncs have their highest win total since 1997, and the most wins during the tenure of Head Coach Dave Thorn. Thorn was named UTPA's head volleyball coach in April, 1998.

### Basketball

The Men's basketball team had open tryouts Tuesday and Wednesday. The Broncs have 20 players on roster, but are looking for additional players they might have overlooked.

"What we like to do is just get guys that maybe we didn't know about or people that just decided that they wanted to be a part of the team. We just want to give them a chance to come in and play and see what could happen," said Men's Basketball Assistant Clay Martin.

Six players attended the tryout Tuesday.

## Quick Hits

### De Larrea places 15th

Santiago De Larrea shot a final round 74 to finish 15th overall, leading the way for the UTPA men's golf team at the Louisiana Tech Invitational, Tuesday at the Pine Hills Country Club.

De Larrea, a sophomore from Sao Paulo, Brazil, shot a consistent 222 (75-73-74) to finish 15th overall.

The three-round total was

his best of the season.

Stephen Slaughter was the second Bronc, taking 31st with a three-round total of 229 (78-77-74).

He saved his best for last, firing a final round 74. James Aleman tied for 44th with a 232, Ricky Benavides and Todd Grubert tied for 50th with a 233. Per Oloffson of Tennessee-Chattanooga took medallist honors with a three-round total of 209.

Brad Wright of Louisiana Tech took second with a 211 and Kyle Young was third with a 212. Tennessee-Chattanooga slipped past Louisiana-Monroe, 877 to 881. Tennessee Tech took third with an 893. UTPA was 11th with a 913.

The UTPA men's golf team returns to action on November 8-10 at the Hal Sutton Invitational in Shreveport, La.

# Eladio's Picks

## Eladio's Picks Record

■ Last Week: 9-5  
■ Percentage: .643

■ Overall Record: 54-30  
■ Overall Percentage: .643



**Eladio Jaimez**  
The Pan American



### Carolina at Atlanta

Atlanta's Jamal Anderson is finally starting to run well, but without Jessie Tuggle and Chris Chandler, the Falcons are doomed.



defense. There's an old adage in football. A great defense always beats a great offense. It worked for the Giants under Bill Parcells.

**Eagles by 3**



### New Orleans at Arizona

Just cause the Cardinals got rid of Vince Tobin doesn't mean they're going to start winning. Ricky is finally living up to expectations. Maybe he'll be one of the exceptions to the Heisman curse.

**Saints by 5**

**Panthers by 7**



### New York Jets at Buffalo

Coming off a crazy win on Monday night, the Jets are on a roll and won't let the Bills stand in their path to the post-season.



**Jets by 10**



### Cincinnati at Cleveland

It's the battle of the cellar-dwellers! It might not matter to you, but a win for either team will be a gift from God. All eyes will be on Corey Dillon.



**Bengals by 3**



### St. Louis at San Francisco

Why can't the Rams go 7-0. Last year they also lost their seventh game. The Niners are showing improvement but the Rams still own the NFC West.

**Rams by 7**



### Detroit at Indianapolis

Both teams are 5-2, but the Lions don't have the Triplets. Harrison, Manning and James will be the difference here.



**Colts by 14**



### Jacksonville at Dallas

The Cowboys are coming off a big win. The Jags are struggling right now and should have their hands full at Texas Stadium.

**Cowboys by 6**



### Green Bay at Miami

The Dolphins' defense didn't show up last week, but you can bet Dave Wannstedt will have his defense ready to play against the Packers.



**Dolphins by 7**



### Kansas City at Seattle

All hail the Chiefs for proving the Rams are human. The Chiefs didn't just prove the Rams could be beat, but beat big. Seattle is no contest this weekend.

**Chiefs by 9**



### Minnesota at Tampa Bay

Things aren't turning out the way the Bucs planned, while Dennis Green appears to be the smartest man on earth. Keyshawn, where are you?



**Vikings by 14**



### Oakland at San Diego

At 6-1, the Raiders have taken control of the AFC West. The Chargers are no real threat in the division.

**Raiders by 9**



### Pittsburgh at Baltimore

The Steelers are turning things around, but they don't have enough firepower to break the Ravens' defense. Ravens' QB Trent Dilfer will show he's still got it.



**Ravens by 6**



### Tennessee at Washington

If Eddie George doesn't play, the Redskins' defense just has to worry about stopping Steve McNair. If George does play... 'Skins still win.

**'Skins by 6**



### Philadelphia at New York Giants

Will thunder and lightning strike this week at the Meadowlands? Maybe not against the Eagles!



**You can send your football comments to Eladio via e-mail at mamboking3@hotmail.com.**



# Lady Broncs prepare for Regionals at UTSA tourney

**Matt Lynch**

The Pan American

There will be no easy matches for the Lady Broncs when they head to the UT-San Antonio Tournament Oct. 27-28.

With top 50 schools including Arkansas, Texas, Baylor and Texas A&M in attendance, competition at the UTSA tournament will be unlike anything the Lady Broncs have seen so far this season.

"This will be our toughest tournament," said Head Tennis Coach Scott Howard. "This will be the first time the women will get to face the top teams in the region, so this will be a very good opportunity to play some of top players."

To prepare for the increased level of competition, the Lady Broncs have been pulling out all the stops during practices the past week. "Last week could have been our best week of practice all season," Howard said. "It was a very productive week."

By building on a number of top finishes this season, including two singles titles at the Stephen F. Austin

Tournament Oct. 13-14, Howard believes the team has made vast improvements in its confidence.

"Anytime you win a tournament like two of our girls did, you have more confidence," he said.

Howard attributed those wins to the team's chemistry. "The (women) get along well," he said.

"They're very supportive of each other. They've got a good fighting attitude and won a lot of close matches because of it."

Consistency has also played a large role in the Lady Broncs' new-found success this season. "(The team) has made a big jump in their consistency," Howard said. "That's the biggest difference at this level, because the player who makes the fewest errors is going to win the match, not the player who hits the most winners."

But while the Lady Broncs have already had more success this season than in the last two years, Howard knows there is still room for improvement. "We have a ways to go before we start registering wins against teams in the

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— Scott Howard  
UTPA Tennis Head Coach

top 50 or 30," he said. "Our first goal was to get to the middle of the pack in the country, and our second goal is to move ahead of the pack and compete with the teams of the upper echelon."

One thing in the Lady Broncs' favor this weekend is their decreasing number of injured athletes. Freshman Julie Fife will see limited action because of a nagging shoulder injury, and Senior Sagnite Garcia has seen lighter practice due to a strained quadriceps muscle. Other than Fife and Garcia, there are no athletes suffering through notable injuries.

Regardless of how the team performs during the last two tournaments of the fall season, Howard believes the Lady Broncs have made a step in the right direction and have a solid foundation to build on for the future.

"(The success) will definitely help recruiting because we will be able to tell recruits we've already moved up about 100 spots in the nation," he said. "Now the women know they can compete with the other teams, and that's half the battle. The other half is how bad do they want (to win) and how hard are they willing to work?"



—Bernie Seanz/Sports Information

Eve Nickelson and Jessica Brown share a handshake celebrating a well played doubles tournament.

## TAMUK takes fifth game to defeat Lady Broncs

**Isaac Chavarria**

The Pan American

The Lady Broncs' road trip might have started badly, but every cloud has a silver lining. UTPA (11-15) lost to Texas A&M Kingsville (10-17) in five games, 10-15, 15-3, 5-15, 15-7, and 14-16.

"It's a tough game anytime you go to five. It was 16-14 in the fifth. It was anybody's game and both teams fought hard and unfortunately they came up on top," said UTPA Volleyball Head Coach Dave Thorn. "The effort was there, the intensity was there. We were close, but we just didn't quite make it."

The loss of another valuable player played a significant part in the Lady Broncs' defeat. Outside hitter Senior Debbie Puente suffered an injury in a match against Texas Southern on Thursday. UTPA has already lost starters Senior Misty Cook and Sophomore Rosie Treviño Ramos early in the season.

"Having Debbie injured was a major factor [in the loss]. Anytime you lose a starter, that

affects not only performance on the court, but team chemistry. Everybody had to get used to that," Thorn said.

The Lady Broncs may need more time to adjust to Puente's injury. Puente has started in 20 matches and was averaging a team-leading 3.18 kills per game.

According to Thorn, there hasn't been a player which has stepped up replaced Puente.

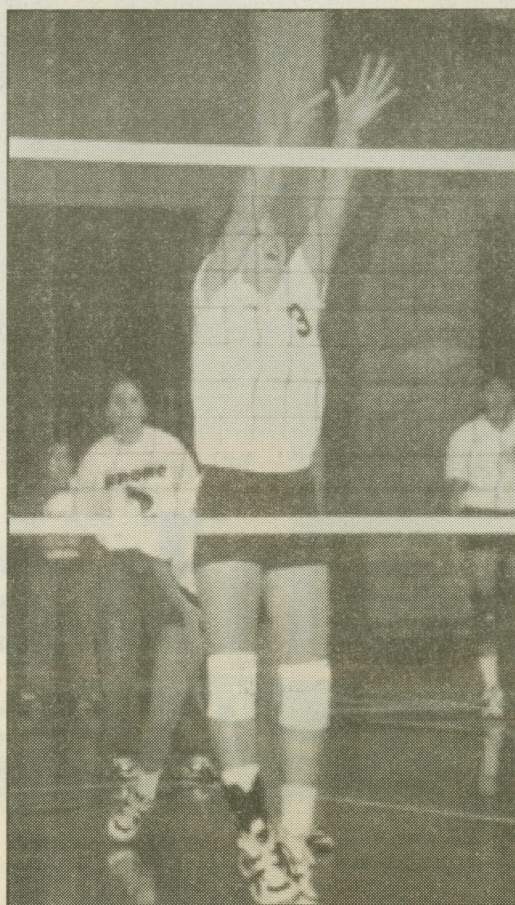
"It's been a mix. Hopefully we'll get her back shortly, but until then we are going to need somebody to step up," said Thorn.

Sophomore Jessica Lawson and Freshman Jaclyn Muszynski have gotten the most playing time since Puente's injury.

Muszynski led the Lady Broncs with 17 digs, 22 kills and .302 attack percentage. Lorena Lopez added 26 set assist and 16 digs.

The Javelinas were led by Sherri Cain, who had 21 kills and 13 digs. TAMUK had five players reach double-digits in digs and three players in double-digits for kills.

The Broncs next match is against St. Mary's on Oct. 28.



—Sports Information

Head coach Dave Thorn hopes a player will step up and replace the injured Debbie Puente.

## Two Lady Broncs given player of the week honors

### Sports Information

University of Texas-Pan American volleyball players Lorena Lopez and Mindy Hubik were named Independent Volleyball Players of the Week for the last two weeks of the season, it was announced on Wednesday. Lopez was named player of the week for the week of October 9-15, while Hubik was player of the week for October 16-22.

Lopez, a senior setter, had a record-setting week in taking the player of the week honor. A native of Harlingen, Lopez set the UTPA school record with 75 assists, topping the old mark of 70 by Marie Velasquez, set four years ago.

For the week, she had 183 assists, an average of 12.2 per game. She also had 42 digs for an average of 2.8 per game. She led

the Lady Broncs to a 2-2 record for the week.

Hubik, a freshman from Bedford, Texas, was dominating in the Lady Broncs two wins last week. She had a total of 26 kills, against just five errors, in 44 attack attempts. She also had five total blocks for the week. Hubik leads UTPA with an average of 0.73 blocks per game.

"It's great to see some of our individuals recognized for their accomplishments," said UTPA Head Coach Dave Thorn. "It really just goes to show how well the team is doing. Everyone is working hard and this is just an example of that."

The Lady Broncs, who sport an 11-15 overall record, return to action this week in San Antonio against St. Mary's on Saturday at 5 p.m. and against Incarnate Word on Sunday at 2 p.m.





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